

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants are grateful for the withdrawal of the following claim rejections:

- (a) The rejection of claims 1 to 4, 5 to 12, 16 and 23 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement;
- (b) The rejection of claims 1 to 4 and 8 to 15 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as lacking positive active steps of the method;
- (c) The rejection of claims 1, 11 to 13 and 16 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, with respect to the use of the term "area of infection";
- (d) The rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, with respect to the use of the term "treatment dose";
- (e) The rejection of claim 8 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, with respect to the recitation of multiple ranges;
- (f) The rejection of claims 1, 2 and 9 under 35 USC 102(b); and
- (g) The rejection of claims 1 to 4, 8 to 16 and 20 to 23 under 35 USC 103(a).

The Examiner objected to claim 8 with respect to the phrase "from about 1 to about 30 days for applications more than one" as being grammatically clumsy. The Examiner's kind suggestion for revision has been adopted. It is submitted that claim 8 is no longer open to objection in this respect.

The Examiner objected to claims 20 to 23 as being dependent on rejected claims. Having regard to the revisions to the claims and the comments below, it is submitted that claims 20 to 23 are not dependent on claims open to rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 8 to 16 and 20 to 23 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In this regard, the Examiner indicates that claims 1, 11 to 16 and 23 are rendered vague and indefinite by use of the phrase "to the infection", pointing out that condylomata acuminata, while caused by an infectious agent, is not itself an infection. The Examiner's kind suggestion for revision in this regard has been adopted.

The Examiner indicated that claims 8 and 9 are rendered vague and indefinite by the use of the phrase "of the infection". The Examiner's kind suggestion for amendment has been adopted.

Having regard thereto, it is submitted that claims 1, 4, 8 to 16, 20 to 23 can no longer be considered to be vague and indefinite and hence the rejection thereof under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claim 16 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brandau et al. Having regard thereto, claim 16 has been deleted, thereby obviating the rejection. No prior art rejection was made with respect to claims 20 to 23. Claims 20 and 23 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 21 and 22 are dependent on claim 20.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and early and favourable consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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